

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Marco Mario Tivelli, et al.  
App. No : 10/554,075  
Filed : September 6, 2006  
For : SEAMLESS STEEL TUBE WHICH IS INTENDED TO  
BE USED AS A GUIDE PIPE AND PRODUCTION  
METHOD THEREOF  
Examiner : Mark L. Shevin  
Art Unit : 1733  
Conf No. : 2845

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**COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance of April 27, 2011, the Applicants respectfully note that, to the extent that patentability is implied to be based only on the features noted by the Examiner, the Applicants respectfully disagree. The Applicants note that there are also additional or alternative elements recited in each of the claims, as well as the particular combination of the elements, that further establishes the patentability of the claimed inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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